

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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April 6, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Colvin Neighborhood City Hall
2820 S. Roosevelt

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. The District III City Council member, Phil Lambke and seven (6) District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Five (5) City staff were present and approximately (13) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Jim Gulick
William Ward
Joann Hartig
Charlotte Foster
Judy Dillard
Matt Foley
CM Phil Lambke

Members Absent

John Kemp
Phyllis Hall
Laura Simpson

Staff Present

Vicki Mork
Dana Brown
Officer F. Phommachanh
Officer Virgil Miller
Capt. Max Tenbrook

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Dillard (Hartig) moved that minutes from the March 2, 2004 meeting be accepted and approved. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

Action: Received and filed.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled Items

No items were scheduled.

Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.

2. Off Agenda Items

None were presented.

Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Policing

Officer Phommachanh, 34 Beat reported for all East Patrol Community Policing officers. He explained that 32 Beat has been experiencing larcenies and 34 Beat has been hit with burglaries. A fatal shooting occurred in 35 Beat it was an argument between next-door neighbors and a suspect has been apprehended. Underage drinking has been addressed at Harry & Ollies in 36 Beat.

Foster expressed concern about graffiti in her neighborhood. **Officer Phommachanh** said he checked with **Officer Zarr** and all graffiti has been reported to Public Works. **Foley** commented on effectiveness of Officer Phommachanh in Hilltop.

Officer Virgil Miller, 26 Beat explained South Patrol is also just sending one Community Policing officer to DAB meetings and they will rotate attendance. He said that Hispanic graffiti showing up around South City is cause for concern as they think it's from an out of town gang member. He's working with Jesse Sheffield on rounding up volunteers to paint over it. Non-residential burglaries were happening but suspects have been apprehended.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

4. Proposed Community Event Ordinance

Dana Brown, City Manager's Office began by saying the City had been using an informal inter department process to approve Community Events application. The proposed change establishes a process for all requests to follow allowing the Inter Departmental Committee to review them when it meets every two weeks. Currently all requests for street closures are presented to Council, however at times because of Council workshops or travel it can take as much as 3 weeks to get the requests before the Council. There are 80-90 applications for special events per year. Approximately 50 of them occur on general public property. **Brown** says applications begin to pick up in March as this is the start of special event season.

Foley asked about block parties. **Brown** explained they are handled differently as they are not considered a special event. The definition in the ordinance includes fun runs, roadway foot races, fundraising walks, bikeathons, carnivals, festivals, community celebrations, shows, exhibitions, circuses and fairs on public streets, parks and other City owned facilities, such as parks, walking and bike paths owned by City, City Arts Building, City Forum and Art Market Plaza, West Bank Stage, Hyatt Lawn, City owned building, and City owned parking lots. Typically these events draw large numbers of people.

Brown also explained that family events occurring in parks would not be affected by this change either. The main goal is to provide public safety and utilize a uniform application process; the location of an event can drive concerns of noise, lights and public access for the neighbors. National Night Out will continue to be handled by the Wichita Police Department but permits are required.

Noise ordinance requires softer music after 10:00 p.m. This process does not include parades. **Brown** referred to flow chart depicting the proposed approval process. In some cases it is necessary for certain community members to physically inspect site of special events to determine best set up and allow for ingress of public safety vehicles. This change for special events impacts 3 other ordinances; sound; community event in public park; and streets and sidewalk obstruction.

Dillard asked about delineated material in amended Section 1. Section 9.04.030. She expressed concern about the City's capacity to monitor and control the conduct of a spontaneous gathering of ten or more persons since it was being removed from this ordinance. Could it be found in another ordinance? **Brown** said she would find out. **Foley** asked if this change would affect Halloween on Broadview Street. **Brown** said they handle that situation informally because of it's short duration.

Foster asked about running events. **Brown** said they were a special event. **Jesse Sheffield** said he and Officer Miller were planning a basketball tournament sponsored by South City Neighborhood Association. **Dana** suggested he contact Parks but didn't think there would be a need for a permit event for the Neighborhood Association. **Hartig** asked if fees were new. **Brown** said they were.

Recommended Action: Dillard (Gulick) moved approval pending receipt of information requested. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Wichita Police Department

Capt. Max Tenbrook, Professional Standards Bureau, explained he handled all internal complaints for the Wichita Police Department. Anyone can complain or commend an officer. Tenbrook said the complaint form was included in everyone's packet and also available on-line. He encouraged everyone to utilize the process because the Wichita Police Department is interested in hearing from citizens in a positive or negative way.

Dillard reported the South Neighborhood Association meeting Monday on April 4 was on Safety. Officer Rollins made the presentation. There was a good turn out for the meeting. **Hartig** complained about an active drug house across the street from her. She said the landlord continually rented to drug users. What to do? **Off. Miller** suggested suing the landlord in Civil Court for his house because of the activities, let the attorney keep the house for his fee. **Foley** referred to recent drug/ criminal activities in his neighborhood said he brought more books to Planeview Library from him mom, which made a total of 60 books donated.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Board Agenda

6. Updates, Issues and Reports

Gulick said Grandview Heights Neighborhood Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2005.

Council Man Lambke introduced his successor Jim Skelton, the recently elected District III Council Member. **Lambke** shared his political observations about Skelton's close race saying since he beat his closest opponent by a 2:1 margin in the primary that he didn't make a campaign contribution to Skelton. But the general election turned out a lot closer than he expected. **Lambke** also said DAB III was the best board in Wichita.

Foley made remarks about Council Member Lambke's excellent work while in office. **Skelton** thanked CM Lambke for his leadership of District III.

CM Lambke closed by explaining his philosophy that voting no was a yes vote for fiscal responsibility.

Ward (Gulick) motion for adjournment.

Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.

7. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be May 4, 2005 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

Pat Pickard

Elena Ingle	
Jesse Sheffield	2526 S. Mosley
Carole Campbell	
Lisa Wold	
Gene Fuhr	
Bill Gress	747 S. Holyoke
Max Tenbrook	WPD
Phil Lambke	1514 Galena
Officer Miller	WPD
Jim Skelton	5903 E. Skinner
Roger Smith	1932 Lexington Rd.
Paul E. Davis	6417 S. Madison
K. Lamberly	3700 E. Lincoln
Michael Brincefield	4730 Ida
Lonny Wright	1020 W. McArthur